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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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(1) Alan S. Chen. (3) _____.

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Date of Interview: 25 April 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 12.


Identification of prior art discussed: Krontz.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative argued last limitation of claim 12 recites "indications" for each one of the PCBs are transferred to and used by each one of the other PCBs. Examiner does not agree, the claims language does support just this narrow interpretation. The claim limitation requires only that the "indications" are transmitted via logical signals "for" the PCBs, which simply means the logical signals represent something about the PCBs, not that the logical signals are further used by the PCBs.